



Immaculate Conception Old Monroe

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekdays.....7:45 am
 First Saturday.....7:45 am
 Saturdays.....5:00 pm (vigil)
 Sundays.....8:00 am and 10:00 am
 Holydays.....As announced



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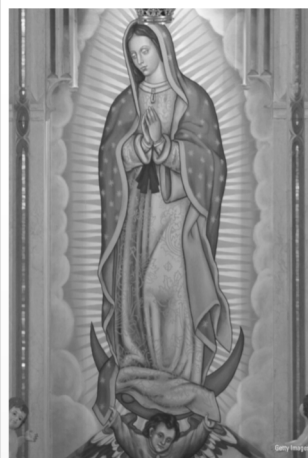
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Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and
 Mother of the Americans.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.
 We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
 as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
 and gain for our nation and world,
 and for all our families and loved ones,
 the protection of your holy angels,
 that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
 we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
 Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
 wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
 teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
 patient and kind.
 Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
 our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
 knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
 health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter under the mantle of your protection,
 keep us in the embrace of your arms,
 help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH

I never thought in my lifetime the celebration of Mass in public would be cancelled throughout the Archdiocese until at least April 6th as well as Station of the Cross on Fridays. The Church will be open from 7AM until 7 PM each day for those individuals who wish to spend private time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I will be celebrating Mass in private each day praying for the end of the spread of the coronavirus. I also ask that you keep in mind all those individuals who have had their hours cut or jobs lost during this time. With school cancelled until at least early April, one of the suggestions Janice Palmer has requested is that the students pray the rosary at 8:30 am each morning. What a great suggestion that is and I encourage all of us to join them and ask the Blessed Mother to intercede during this time.

Finally, I am happy to announce the hiring of the new principal for next school, his name is John McGinley. John's picture and some things about him are in this week bulletin. John was introduced to the faculty on Monday night and to the students on Tuesday morning. I wish to thank the search committee for all their insights and help in the selection process.

***God Bless,
Father Rich***

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week ending March 15, 2020

Sunday Offering \$6629 | Online Giving \$1758
Loose \$201 | Easter Flowers \$110
Black and Indian Mission \$105 | Catholic Relief \$30
Envelope Count 110

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Due to the COVID-19 the following have been affected:

- ◆ Eucharistic Ministers will not be visiting the sick on Sunday's until further notice.
- ◆ Fish Fry's have been cancelled for the rest of this lenton season.
- ◆ The Easter Bunny Breakfast has been cancelled
- ◆ No Adult Choir rehearsals until further notice
- ◆ 4H Spaghetti Dinner cancelled
- ◆ SVDP clothing drive was cancelled on the 21st and will be rescheduled at a later date
- ◆ Quilts of Valour has been cancelled
- ◆ Knights of Columbus meeting cancelled
- ◆ Spring Quilt Social cancelled

Parish Council

Please consider becoming a member of the Immaculate Conception Parish Council. Simply fill out this form and return it to the parish office or email Father @ frich@icomparish.org with your interest

NAME: _____
BEST NUMBER: _____
EMAIL: _____



From Mr. McGinley

Dear ICOM community,

I am excited, honored, and blessed to be named as the next principal of Immaculate Conception Catholic School. I want to thank the ICOM Principal Search Committee and Father Rich for putting their trust in me to lead this incredible faith and learning community into the new decade. I know that I have the incredible shoes of Mrs. Palmer to fill, and my goal is to spend as much time as possible this spring and summer learning from her and faculty, students, and parents to ensure a smooth transition to the 2020-2021 school year.

I come to ICOM from Forsyth School, St. Louis' largest independent elementary school. Over the last 10 years at Forsyth, I've taught 5th grade, coached basketball and t-ball, instructed a variety of summer camps, and served the school in a variety of leadership and administrative capacities, including my current role as Dean of Faculty. I have also taught 3rd grade in the Triad (IL) School District and spent time in the business sector before coming to the world of education. As your next Principal, I hope to draw on these experiences as I support the ICOM community in living its mission.

My faith and my strong belief in the power of a Catholic school education are at the root of my excitement for the next chapter at ICOM. My wife and I are both products of a Catholic education and our three children attend our parish school in St. Charles. The spiritual foundation laid for our students at ICOM and at all Catholic schools solidifies and serves as the bedrock of who we become as faith-filled men and women.

We are living in unprecedented, unpredictable times. As ICOM and other schools begin an unplanned hiatus, please take care of yourselves, your families, and follow the advice of experts. Most importantly, know that He is here for you. Prayer is always powerful, but these are times when praying as a family unites and grounds us. When school resumes and life returns to "normal," I look forward to building relationships with your child(ren), your family, and our talented faculty and staff so that we can all work as partners to support the academic, personal, and spiritual growth of each ICOM student.

Blessings,

John McGinley

DEACON NEAL'S REFLECTION CORNER

It's a sad day when we can't attend Mass. But through the instructions of the Archbishop, no public Mass will be allowed until April 5th at the earliest. This will be very hard for many of us. It is also a chance for us to be a people of hope.

This is an opportunity for us to come closer to God and realize the importance of prayer. Even though we will not have public Masses, Father will have a private Mass for the intention of the day.

With us not having public Mass, maybe, absence will make our hearts grow fonder. Maybe this will open our eyes to the beauty of the Mass and turn many people to a deeper awareness of the love of God.

Church will be open for private prayer from 7:00-7:00 everyday. Mass is offered on EWTN tv every day and also on KHOJ 1460 at 11:00am. Let us pray for an end to coronavirus. Lord have mercy on us and bring us to you. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

*God Bless,
Deacon Neal*

*****New Safe Environment Compliance Requirements*****

For Every employee, Clergy and volunteers
The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register.
Passcode: stlprotect

Contact Amy Bahr, our parish Child Safety Coordinator, at 636-661-5002 or by email at parish@icomparish.org with any questions or for further assistance.



Listening to Catholic radio in your car or in your home will help smooth out any rough edges in your day and keep you on the right path during this season of Lent. Don't miss the opportunity to

pray the Rosary daily, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and, of course, listen to the Word of God and pray along with the Holy Mass. In addition, programming includes live call-in shows, local programming and much more. Tune in to AM 1460 KHOJ, download the free Covenant Network App or listen on OurCatholicRadio.org.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our parish has been greatly blessed with having 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration (Tues.8:30am-Weds.7:30am) each week for almost 22 years. Many of our participants are original volunteers. However, we have lost many of these recently due to illness, old age, and death. We need YOUR help to continue this grace-filled ministry. We are in most need of Adorers at these hours: 2:30pm, 12:30am, and 3:30am. However, we could use people to commit to any hour of the day or night. Also, we have a need for Substitutes that can fill in when our regulars need to miss a day. Please pray on this. Your commitment to visit the Blessed Sacrament once a week will certainly benefit you, your family, our parish, and the world.
Signup sheets will be in back of Church.

2020 Parish Guidebook and Directory - email or call the parish office with any changes in your address or phone number.

Early Bulletin Submission - Bulletin for April 5th requests by March 25th and Bulletin for April 12th requests by April 1st.
parish@icomparish.org | 636.661.5002 Thanks, Amy

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 23

Keith Burkemper

Tuesday, March 24

Jim Rottermich

Wednesday, March 25

Special Intention

Thursday, March 26

Mike Blevins

Friday, March 27

Steve Meyer

Saturday, March 28

Joe Hogan

Grace Jungermann

Sunday, March 29

Matt Schulte

People of the Parish

There are many excellent resources for the Season of Lent you might wish to use:

✠ **Living the Eucharist Lenten program:** <http://www.livingtheeucharist.org/>

✠ **Best Lent Ever daily reflections from Dynamic Catholic:** <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentevery/#signup>

✠ **USCCB:** <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/prayer-resources-for-lent.cfm>

Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, February 26th) and **Good Friday** (Friday, April 10th) are days of **abstinence** for all Catholics **over the age of 14**. On these two days, fast, as well as **abstinence**, is also obligatory for those from the **ages of 18-59**. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means on full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted).

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply. **We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer**



PRAY

FAST

GIVE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Pastor for arrangements. Baptismal Prep Classes will be held the **1st Thursday of the month** at 7:00pm. Contact the parish to sign up for the class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance. Participation in a Marriage Preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 pm
First Saturday after 7:45 am Mass
By appointment, contact the Pastor

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays 8:30 am until 7:30 am Wednesday

"Come Spend An Hour With Me"

Participants are always welcome to come and pray at any hour. It is important to have someone present at all the hours. If you can cover an hour or are available to be a sub, please call Barb 636.665.5482 or Bonnie 314.825.5134

Participants are needed for:

Tuesdays 2:30-3:30pm,
Wednesdays 12:30 -1:30am, 3:30-4:30am

ROSARY

For Vocations, Fridays after 7:45 am Mass
For world Peace, First Saturdays after 7:45 am Mass

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesdays after 7:45 am Mass

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Observances for the week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

BULLETIN DEADLINE - TUESDAYS 8:00 AM

for the following Sunday | Special holiday dates apply when necessary| Please submit requests to: parish@icomparish.org

Vocation Prayer Chalice Program

Sign up to participate in wonderful week long opportunity to pray as a family for vocations. This Chalice and a guided prayer binder will be given for your use during the week. For more information or to register for a week of prayer visit our website:

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